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SUBJ: SUPPLY OF U.S. ENRICHED URANIUM TO SOUTH AFRICA

REF: STATE 88560

1. MATERIALS SUFFICIENT. MISSION COMMENDS STATE/USIA FOR RAPID AND COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE WHICH USED TO APPARENTLY GOOD EFFECT,7 AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, IN DAMPENING DOWN ADVERSE REACTION TO URANIUM SALES STORY.

2. URANIUM SALES FIRST NOTED HERE IN TANGOV OWNED ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEWS ARTICLE APRIL 14 REPEATING SUBSTANCE WASHINGTON POST STORY ON ASPIN'S STATEMENT. THIS FOLLOWED APRIL 15 BY EDITORIAL IN DAILY NEWS WHICH SAID U.S. IS "DELIBERATELY ENCOURAGING SOUTH AFRICA TO POSSESS THE 'BOMB'." FOLLOWING DAY PARA FOUR STATE 86137 GIVEN FONMIN AND OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE AND WIRELESS FILE AF-15 DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS, AS WELL AS TO FONMIN AND GOVT LEADERS AND OAU LIBERATION

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COMMITTEE. AF-31 SENT SAME LIST FOLLOWING DAY, AND

PORTIONS BOTH BEING INCORPORATED USIS BULLETIN. (CIRCULATION 2,000).

3. DAILY NEWS APRIL 18 RAN EXCERPTS AF-15 ON PAGE TWO
UNDER HEAD "U.S. ADMITS SUPPLYING URANIUM TO RACISTS."

ITEM WAS LONG ON FACTS OF SALES AND SHORT ON DETAILS OF
SAFEGUARDS, BUT NONETHELESS BETTER THAN NOTHING.

COMMENT: MISSION ASSUMES URANIUM SALES STORY WILL
CONTINUE BE HELD UP BY RADICAL ELEMENTS HERE AS ANOTHER
EXAMPLE SINISTER MOVES BY U.S. TO SUPPORT "RACISTS"
AND "IMPERIALISTS" IN AFRICA. HOWEVER, INTEMPERANCE
OF APRIL DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL AND MISSION PROTESTS MAY
ENCOURAGE TANGOV TO PLACE SOME RESTRAINTS ON FLAGRANTLY
ANTI-U.S. EDITORIAL POLICY NOW BEING PRACTICED BY BOTH
DAILY PAPERS. WE HOPEFUL AT LEAST THAT TANGOV WILL
APPROVE FONMIN EFFORTS TO BE REPRESENTED ON MASS MEDIA
COMMITTEE, WHICH OVERSEES EDITORIAL POLICY GOV'T AND TANU
MEDIA.
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